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SUBJECT: DOL SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

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1. REFERENCE (A) SEMINAR OUTLINE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH MEMBERS OF ROC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH SEMINAR CONTENT AND SCHEDULING. PRESUME PERIOD OF 1330-1700 ON FOURTH DAY OF SEMINAR (WHICH SET ASIDE FOR VISITS TO WORKSITES) ACCEPTABLE FOR PRESENTATION BY ROC PANELISTS ON PROBLEMS/PROGRESS IN FIELD OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PER DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. SNOW. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE RAISED ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION IN REGARD REFERENCE (A) OUTLINE. IT WAS NOTED THAT POSSIBLE NEW TITLE (I.E., SEMINAR ON WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY) WAS INCLUDED IN REFERENCE (A) OUTLINE. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ALREADY PREPARED USING TITLE "SINO-AMERICAN SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY" AND THEY HOPED THAT THIS WOULD NOT MEET WITH OBJECTION ON PART OF DOL. EMBOFF ADVISED THAT HE COULD FORESEE NO PROBLEMS IN RETAINING LATTER TITLE FOR USE IN TAIPEI. PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY IF THIS ADVICE IS INCORRECT.

2. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THAT DOL FORWARD COMPLETE EXEMPLAR PACKAGE OF SEMINAR MATERIALS THAT WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS ASAP. THIS EXEMPLAR WILL BE

GIVEN TO SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATORS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH SUBSTANCE OF SEMINAR. IN ADDITION IF DOL WISHES TO HAVE PARTICIPANT PACKAGES PRINTED LOCALLY EXEMPLAR WILL BE NEEDED IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 4 ARRIVAL TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PRINTING IN LOCAL FACILITIES.

3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS CONTRACTED THREE QUALIFIED TRANSLATORS TO PERFORM SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION DURING SEMINAR AND HAS ARRANGED FOR USE OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT. CALCULATED ON BASIS OF SIX HOURS PER DAY OF TRANSLATION SERVICES AT COST OF NT\$600/HOUR, TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF TRANSLATION SERVICES WILL BE US\$495 FOR SEMINAR.

4. PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 5-7 IS SET ASIDE FOR VISITS TO INDUSTRIAL SITES AND CONCERNED MINISTRIES BY SEMINAR MISSION MEMBERS. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR AT LEAST ONE FULL DAY IN SOUTHERN TAIWAN (KAOHSIUNG) TO VISIT CHINA STEEL COMPANY, CHINA PETROLEUM COMPANY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE WORKSITES IN THAT AREA. TOTAL COST FOR INTERNAL AIR TRAVEL TO KAOHSIUNG IS ESTIMATED AT US\$185 (NOT INCLUDING LODGING IF THIS IS NECESSARY). ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THAT DOL ADVISE IF PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN SITES ARE ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY. ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE VISITS TO TAIPEI CITY ENVIRONS, WHICH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FEELS WOULD NOT PROVIDE MOST REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROBLEMS/PROGRESS.

5. EQUIPMENT REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE (A) IS ALL AVAILABLE LOCALLY. USIS CAN PROVIDE ALL ITEMS, EXCLUDING 8MM MOVIE PROJECTOR AND ROC SPONSORS WILL MAKE LATTER AVAILABLE FOR SEMINAR. MISSION MAY WISH TO BRING EXTRA LAMP FOR OVERHEAD PROJECTOR (SINCE USIS CURRENTLY OUT OF STOCK AND PROCUREMENT ON LOCAL MARKET EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE). OVERHEAD PROJECTOR IS 3M MODEL 567, PART NUMBER FOR LAMP IS 3M 78-8003-9159-7.

6. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE PLANS AWARD CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION TO EACH OF 60-70 PARTICIPANTS AT CONCLUSION
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OF SEMINAR. COMMITTEE INTENDS HAVE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY GROU MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND SIGNED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR. COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE DOL SIGNATURE ON CERTIFICATES AS WELL AND WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH MR. SNOW UPON ARRIVAL.

7. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT IMPERIAL HOTEL PER EARLIER

COMMUNICATIONS. HOST CO-SPONSORS WILL PROVIDE
TRANSPORTATION FOR MISSION MEMBERS TO AND FROM SEMINAR
SITE AND TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN EVENINGS.
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